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1968G

"Fall 1903"

CIVIL DISORDERS CRIPPLE FRANCE

Following "Spring 1903" moves, France retreated F Mid-Bre, F Eng-Wal.

ENGLAND (Walker): F North Sea-Lon; F North Atlantic-Liv; F Mid-Bre; F Eng S F Mid-Bre; A Bel-Pic 2

FRANCE (Peery): No moves received. F Wal, A Pic, A Gas, & A Spa hold. F Bre dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Hueston): F Den S RUSSIAN F Swe; A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur.

ITALY (Childers): F Tun-Ion; F Adr-Tri; A Ven S F Adr-Tri; A Nap-Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Musicant): No moves received. A Vie & A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Gal-Vie; A Boh S A Gal-Vie; A Rum-Bud; F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Liv; F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Alb-Tri; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Gre; A Gre-Nap; F Ion C A Gre-Nap.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (6)

FRANCE: Par, Por, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun. (6)

ITALY: Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (4)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Ser, Smy. (7)

Russia and Turkey may each build two new units, and England and Germany may each build one. France must remove one unit. Austria-Hungary has no supply centers left, and is out of the game. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY

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1968J

"Fall 1903"

TURKS RETAKE CAPITAL

The Turkish retreat after the "Spring 1903" moves was A Con-Ank.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): A St.P & F Bre hold; F Norway-Swe; F Liv-Iri; F Lon-Eng; F North Sea S F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Maloney): A Par-Bre; A Gas S A Par-Bre; F Lyo-Mar.

GERMANY (Chalker): No moves received. F Bel, A Den, A Ber, A Kie, A Mun, & A Bur hold.

ITALY (M. Thomson): F Por holds; F Tyr-Ion; A Spa-Gas; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Gal-Ukr; A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Gal; A Gre holds; F Con holds; A Ser S A Rum; A Bul S F Con.

RUSSIA (Grayson): F Sev holds; A War-Sil; A Pru S A War-Sil; F Swe-Den.

TURKEY (White): A Ank-Con; A Smy S A Ark-Con; F Bla-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats F Con-Aeg. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Mai, Par. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, Swe, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Italy may build two new units, and France must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 JUNE 1968. The deadline for

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1967U

"Fall 1910"

RUSSIAN FLEET KNOCKED TO HELGOLAND

Following the "Spring 1910" moves, Germany retreated A Pru-Ber.

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P-Norway; A Mos-St.P; A Ber-Mun; A Kie S A Ber-Mun; A
Ruh S A Ber-Mun; F Hol-Hel; F Den S A Kie.

ITALY (Clark): F North Sea S GERMAN F Hol-Hel; A Pie-Tyr; A Swe & F Lyo hold;
A Rom-Ven; A Tus S A Rom-Ven; F Tyr S F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Nap holds.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): F Hel-Kie; A Mun S F Hel-Kie; A Sev-Mos; A War S A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos; A Boh S RUSSIAN A Mun; A Pru-Sil;
F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Adr & F Aeg S F Gre-Ion; A Ven S
ITALIAN F Nap-Rom; A Tyr S A Ven; A Tri S A Ven.

The Russian fleet dislodged from Helgoland has no retreat, and is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Cen, Edi, Hol, Kie,	RUSSIA: Mos, Mun, Sev, War. (4)
Nor, Par, St.P. (9)	TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum,
ITALY: Bra, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Por,	Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)
Rom, Spa, Swe, Tun. (10)	

Germany and Italy cannot build additional units because they have no home supply centers open. Russia may build 1 unit in Sevastopol. This "Winter 1910" move is to be sent in with the "Spring 1911" moves, which may be made conditional on whether this unit is an army or a fleet. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 JUNE 1968.

MOCMERA, AUSTRALIA: During a didgeridoo recital by the great aboriginal singer Pitsiga, five thousand Australian blacks were startled by the appearance of a strange aircraft overhead. The captain of the craft, a combination balloon-aeroplane-glider-ornithopter-autogiro-sailplane, hailed the crowd in French. After a brief confusion, his hail was replied by the only French-speaking man in the crowd, a member of the Emu Clan who had once eaten three French missionaries and was accordingly an expert on French culture.

It was determined that the aircraft belonged to a group of French refugees who, under the leadership of the divinely guided Noah of Arc, was seeking a place to found a new France. The Australians offered to extend their hospitality to the refugees, indicating that they were interested in acquiring further French culture, but Noah of Arc declined this offer. When last seen, the French aircraft was heading south amidst a hail of boomerangs.

FREEDONIA: It now seems as if nothing can avert a war between Freedonia and Sylvania. President Rufus T. Firefly of Freedonia has ordered a general mobilization of the entire Freedonian army. This mobilization, under the direction of Secretary of War Chicolini, is expected to throw a scare into Sylvania.

President Firefly was questioned about alleged nepotism in the high command. He admitted that his secretary and his chauffeur have been given important military commands. "My chauffeur is in the cavalry," he informed the press, "because of his amazing ability to work with horses. Why, sometimes I feel he must be half horse himself. Furthermore, the supreme test of generalship is the ability to conduct a retreat, and on this standard of judgment our generals are the best in the world."

The morale of the army is high, particularly in the upper ranks. To insure that the soldiers' spirits are kept up, President Firefly has distributed 50,000 pictures of Mrs. Gloria Teasdale to the troops.

The public generally supports the war policy. The President's chauffeur has been touring the country on horseback to arouse the people for war.

To prevent Sylvanian espionage, the mobilization plans are being kept a high state secret. "Only Chicolini and I know where they're kept," President Firefly told the press. "This way we can be sure that only loyal Freedonians are aware of our country's war plans."

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"Spring 1909"

TURKS BREAK THROUGH INTO TYRRHENIAN SEA

ENGLAND (Lebling): A Lon-Norway; F North Sea C A Lon-Norway; F Norway-Swe; F Bot-Bal; F Den S F Bot-Bal; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): F Ska S ENGLISH F Norway-Swe; A Kie-Mun; A Hol-Ruh; A Bur S A Hol-Ruh; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): F Swe-Den; F Bal S F Swe-Den; A Ber-Kie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Mos-Liv; A Vie-Gal; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Tyr; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Pie-Mar; F Tri-Alb.

TURKEY (S. Heap): F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Rom-Tyr; F Tus S F Rom-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; F Gre S F Adr-Ion; A Ank-Arm; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats take place:

FRANCE: F Tyr-Wes

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ruh-Bel, A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY: F Swe-Fin

The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 JUNE 1968.

ST. PETERSBURG (18 March 1909): After six years of exile in Great Britain, Nicholas II, Tsar of ALL the Russias, returned to his capital.

As the first order of business, Nicholas addressed the Duma. This Duma is the first since 1902, and it contains representatives from all of Free Russia, as well as advisors from the Austrian puppets of the South.

Nicholas reminded the delegates that although most of the Motherland has been regained, the hardest part is yet to come. "Vast legions of Austrian slaves are assembled in the countryside around Moscow, and levys of Turks from the South are assembling. The battle for our homeland will be long and bloody."

He announced that an English army was being brought to Norway to aid in the battle. "The oppressors will be swept from our plains," he said.

Most important of all, he announced the drafting of a new constitution, sharply curtailing his own powers, and establishing, for all practical purposes, a constitutional monarchy. "I learned my lesson in 1903, on that fateful day when the German columns rumbled into this very city, and my armies melted before them. The people must have a share in their country, or they cannot love it and protect it. The riots, the civil war, and the occupation have convinced me of that. We can no longer be a nation of the ruled, we must have a nation of rulers if we are to survive."

LONDON (24 May 1909): From an interview with former Prime Minister Townsend, the man who led the Empire through several long years of war, only to be stricken by cancer - forced to turn over the reins of government to another.

Q: You have been in retirement for almost two years now. Is your illness any better? Do you see a return to government in the future for yourself?

A: Actually, the cancer has been better lately, perhaps it's satisfied to have gotten me out of the Ministry. But no, I have no plans to reenter political life. I'm happy as I am - I'm grateful for the rest, and grateful for the successes of our forces in the war. Both have done me good.

Q: Do you have any comments on Williams' Ministry?

A: Only good ones. During my last months, you know, he was just about running the show himself anyway. He's doing an excellent job.

Q: What about the war itself? Do you have any predictions, or just observations?

A: Not too many. I have been out of touch for nearly two years, you know. It does seem to me that things are taking a turn for the better, though. We've just about eliminated the German forces as an effective fighting agent, and once that's done, we will have the Eastern powers bottled up in the Mediterranean. At the present there's always that horrible danger of a breakout into the North Sea or France. But that danger is going away - the gate is closing, at great cost in lives, but it is slowly closing. God, but it must be hell to be a German. Nearly ten years of war

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Allan B. Calhamer, the inventor of Diplomacy, is like many other Diplomacy fans also going into genzine publication. The first issue of his genzine Hypermodern, dated 20 April 1968, is considerably more intellectual than the average amateur publication. The lead article "Reasons for Applying Thought to Large-Scale Problems" is particularly thought-provoking. Among other things, it raises the question of just what "historical inevitability" means. In another article, Calhamer gives reasons for not trusting anyone under thirty.

In an editorial, Calhamer says that Hypermodern "is not intended ...to be a crusading...publication except possibly against our favorite bete noire, psychiatry." This caveat evokes a positive response from your Gamesmaster, who believes that a multitude of sins against individual liberty and scientific accuracy are concealed under the doctrines of Freud and his successors.

Subscriptions at present are complimentary, though contributions are appreciated owing to high postal rates. Calhamer's address is Avenida Mirabel #8, Santiago, Dominican Republic.

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Chess players who like the non-orthodox forms of the game should read A Guide to Fairy Chess, which is \$3.00 from A. S. M. Dickins, 31 Burlington Avenue, Richmond, Surrey, England. This comprehensive volume, easily the best thing on non-orthodox Chess to appear in English since the death of T. R. Dawson, includes both non-orthodox pieces and non-orthodox ways of moving. The book is oriented primarily for problemists, but players will also find it very interesting.

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GRAUSTARK's sister publication LEFTOVERS regrets to announce that Rod Walker has been beaten out for the Eric Starvo Galt Civil Liberties Award by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York. Walker merely objected to the exposure of other George Wallace fans such as the one that killed Martin Luther King, apparently under the theory that Galt's rights are worth more than King's life. But Rockefeller vetoed, for the second consecutive year, a Group Libel Act which would have made it impossible for a movement like Wallace's even to operate. An ordinary man doesn't stand a chance when he's up against a man with the wealth and influence of a Rockefeller.

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Eugene Prosnitz has been doing something else besides play postal and across-the-board Diplomacy. The May 1968 bulletin of the New York Civil Liberties Union, an ACLU branch, reports that two men who peacefully protested an appearance by Lyndon Johnson in 1966 had disorderly conduct convictions reversed on appeal. One of the defendants was Marvin Garson, whose wife Barbara is the author of the anti-war play MacBird. Gene Prosnitz represented them on the appeal.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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The Augustan Society should make contact with the Bow Group, an English organization which feels that the British monarchy should be retained, though worried about the expensiveness of the institution. The Bow Group, like the Augustan Society, feels that a monarchy acts as a steadying influence. This is true only if the monarchy does not try to hold society and the state absolutely rigid.

However, monarchy fans seem to be fighting a losing cause these days. The Dutch government has announced that royal salutes to announce the birth of a royal baby will be abandoned as "archaic". John Crosby, who reported these events in the New York Daily Column of 16

May 1968, comments that "Monarchy itself is pretty archaic and you might argue that that is really what it's for. In times when modern life is getting everyone down, the archaicism of monarchy is its chief charm and it shouldn't be abolished."

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A local draft board is currently sending circulars out to the correspondents of a certain Diplomacy and science-fiction fan in an attempt to locate him. "The records of the individual named above indicate that you may be aware of his whereabouts," the form letter states. Translated, that means that they are going through his fanzine files trying to locate him through his correspondents. If you receive one of these requests pay no attention to it. Your refusal to cooperate may save this man's life.

Those who receive this circular will know who the man is. Others don't have to.

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John Mansfield sends a clipping from (I believe) the Florida Times-Union and Journal about the Parker Brothers game Risk, which several war games fans will recognize as a bargain-basement Diplomacy. In this article, Hal Higdon describes his experiences with Risk, and contrasts it with Monopoly. He contrasts the popularity of Monopoly during the financially insecure '30's, with the popularity of Risk and other war games during the war-ridden '60's.

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Meanwhile, according to Milton Moskowitz in the New York Daily Column of 8 May 1968, Monopoly has at last yielded first place to another and even older board game - Ouija. This game, whose name is compounded from the French and German words for "Yes", originated in the late 19th century, and purports to deliver messages from the "Spirit World" to the players. It is entirely appropriate to a generation which is also reviving the discredited old frauds of astrology, tarot readings, sorcery, telepathy, and catastrophism.

The toy industry, according to the same column, has grown by 54% in the past 5 years. Big businesses are accordingly taking an interest in this field, which had previously been dominated by small, family-owned outfits. General Mills, of all things, has acquired four toy and game companies as subsidiaries, including the 85-year-old Parker Brothers.

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Patrick A. Condray, 4936 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705 sends a flier announcing a new war-gaming publication, The Armchair General. It will deal with military figurines (toy soldiers, that is) and various war games designed to re-create conditions of past wars in miniature. The Armchair General is 50¢ per issue, or 6 issues for \$2.50. No information on frequency of appearance or on trades policy is given.

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"Charles made two attempts to impose his will on his Scottish subjects, in the so-called 'Bishops' Wars' (1639 and 1640). He raised quite large armies, which in itself caused a great deal of resentment at the conscription of men and billeting and extra taxes to maintain these troops on their way to the Scottish border. The King's forces and his reserves of money would at best have been barely sufficient to defeat the Scots, who were surprisingly united in their opposition to him. But at the same time, large sections of English public opinion either hoped that he would fail, or at any rate were apathetic and gave him no support." - G. E. Aylmer, A Short History of 17th-Century England: 1603-1689.

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In 1960 the United States Post Office Department shocked a great many people by issuing two stamps in honor of Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, a Nazi collaborator who was President of Finland during World War II. An even greater shock is in store. The U. S. P. O. D. has announced that it will shortly issue a new 12¢ stamp in the regular postal series, for payment of postage on two-ounce domestic surface mail. This stamp will depict the late Henry Ford (1863-1947), who holds the dubious distinction of being the author of the most influential anti-Semitic book ever written by an American. This book, The International Jew, consists of articles originally written by Ford for his newspaper, The Dearborn Independent. It was widely circulated in the United States and elsewhere by the Nazi government of Germany, who decorated Ford for his contributions to their ideology in 1938. Lately the book has been reprinted once more, and is being circulated by an anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organization in Georgia.

I will not receive or acknowledge mail bearing this stamp, and will return it unopened to the sender. GRAUSTARK readers are requested to consider this course of action for themselves.

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Just a reminder - the stand-by players in GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games are:

1967U and 1967V -

1. Dr. Terry Kuch, Apt. 204, 1910 13th St. North, Arlington, Va. 22201.

2. Hal Naus, 681 I Street, Space B-11, Chula Vista, Calif. 92010.
1968G -

1. John Koning, Apt. 1, 2008 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201.

2. Derek Nelson, 18 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.
1968J -

1. Hal Naus, address above.

2. Kevin Roark, 2897 S. E. Caruthers, Portland, Ore. 97214.

In the event that a player misses a move, the first stand-by should submit a set of moves for the next season. If the present player misses two moves in succession, the stand-by's moves are accepted, and he takes over play of that country.

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Humphrey Dumphrey straddled a wall,
Humphrey Dumphrey made a great haul.
Maddox's asses and George Meany's men
Couldn't make Humphrey progressive again.

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David MacDonald, 39 East 4th Street, New York, N. Y. 10003, is looking for across-the-board Diplomacy games in Greater New York City. Anyone organizing an across-the-board game locally should call him.

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, now enters its sixth year of publication. As it was in the beginning, it is still 10 issues for \$1.00. Back issues are 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00, and are available continuously from #101.

Paid subscribers, with the numbers of the issues with which their present subscriptions end, are:

162 - Marvin Garbis	163 - Brian Bailey	165 - Dave MacDonald
Kenneth Levinson	Frank Lunney	167 - Chas. Johnson
.	Gail Schow	172 - Chas. Turner

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John Koning's Valhalla is at last here, and it's been worth waiting for. Among other features of the first issue is a complete directory of current Diplomacy bulletins, including information about whether games are open in those bulletins. The directory also gives

subscription rates and game fees. New postal Diplomacy players who want to find 'zines with open games are recommended to send for Valhalla #1. It is \$2.00 a year from Chris Wagner, c/o Strategy and Tactics, Box 11-187, Loudonville, N. Y. 12211.

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John Koning's sTab rates the seven Diplomacy powers according to the performance of players in 35 games. So large a number of games should even out fortuitous results arising from players who have good positions but miss moves, or are the victims of overwhelming alliances.

This sort of thing is getting popular. Rod Walker has done the same thing in Erehwon, with two listings, one for all postal Diplomacy games and one limiting the ratings to countries which were played by the same player all the way through the game. John McCallum, in Broddingnag, has also made country ratings. The four ratings are:

Koning	Walker (1)	Walker (2)	McCallum
1. Turkey	1. Turkey	1. Russia	1. Turkey
2. Russia	2. England	2. Turkey	2. England
3. England	3. Russia	3. England	3. France
4. France	4. France	4. France	4. Russia
5. Germany	5. Italy	5. Germany	5. Italy
6. Austria	6. Germany	6. Italy	6. Germany
7. Italy	7. Austria	7. Austria	7. Austria

At this rate, Allan Calhamer may wake up some morning to find Charles Turner picketing his home with a sign "Diplomacy is unfair to Christians".

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GRAUSTARK is pleased to announce yet another marriage among the many that have taken place in Diplomatic circles this spring. On 31 April 1968, Chay Borsella and Eric Blake were married in the Morning-side Park Gymnasium by Rev. Bangs Leslie Tapscott of the Holy Equivocal Church. Mr. Blake, 60, a retired engineer, wore a white suit and a solar topee. Miss Borsella, reigning beauty of Baltimore conservative circles, wore a blood-red gown ("in the tradition of Mary Queen of Scots") and carried a bouquet of hawk feathers and crab claws. The best man was Gen. Wade Hampton Johnston. Matron of Honor was Christine Cartier. The flower girl was Miss Susan Stranahan.

Following the ceremony, which was part of a "grip-in" demonstration against the Columbia University strike, the happy couple left for a quiet honeymoon in Poderkagg.

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In the 17 December 1967 issue of The Worker, Nora North described several adult board games for the Christmas season. She divides them into 5 varieties: advertising and finance, war, politics, mystery, and romance. There are games for ad copy-writers, election campaigns, and armchair generals. Among the last are listed Diplomacy ("for the politically ambitious, the possessor of illusions of power, the serious student of political science") and the Avalon-Hill games. ("For example, the game called Stalingrad, whose insignia is the German medal and whose cover photograph is only German soldiers, can be played so that the outcome is a Nazi victory... Perhaps the idea here is to teach history to the younger generation through a system of viable alternatives as determined on the playing board.")

And, of course, there is a long discussion of the game Credibility Gap. (See GRAUSTARK #159.)

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Regular readers of GRAUSTARK may have noted that three different typewriters are used on this publication. One of them is the Royal Portable pica on which the first four pages of this week's "Ministry of Miscellany" were typed. That machine, though it gets less material on a page, was pressed into service because the "N" and "W" keys of my Underwood Standard elite were loose.

Well, as page 15 was being typed, the "O" key on the Royal broke completely. At this emergency, I was finally compelled to get out the soldering iron and tighten the loose keys on the Underwood. Now that this is (I hope) finally done, the Underwood is back in service. Fortunately, the "zero" key could be pressed into service to complete page 15, albeit with ludicrous results.

The third type face, which was responsible for all the elite-type pages in GRAUSTARK #159, belongs to a museum piece at my office, a Remington. I have no idea how old it is, but it is certainly older than this Underwood, and the Underwood is a hold-over from the Coolidge administration.

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Michael Childers reports that, as of 25 May 1968, his address is P. O. Box 316, San Marcos, Texas 78666. This address will be good for about six months.

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Diplomacy, in case you hadn't noticed, was invented by Allan B. Calhamer, and is marketed by Games Research, Inc., 48 Wareham Street, Boston, Mass. 02118. The set costs \$7.50, though it is rumored that some stores are beginning to set the price at \$8.00. Your Gamesmaster possesses one of the last sets in active service which is "Copyright 1959 by Allan B. Calhamer" rather than "Copyright 1961 by Games Research Inc."

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Your Gamesmaster is currently reading an English translation of Ludwig Reiners' In Europa gehen die Lichter aus, a recent (1955) German account of the history of Germany's entry and involvement in World War I. In a later issue a further account will be given of this book, which praises Bismarck as a statesman and pacifist (!) and makes Wilhelm II the villain of the piece. But, for the time being, my curiosity has been aroused by a brief incident mentioned concerning Friedrich von Holstein, a German diplomat to whose intrigues Reiners attributes the downfall of Bismarck. "He lost his next post, at Washington, because he became too intimate with the wife of a high American official." Does any reader familiar with the trivia of history know more about this matter? American diplomats had no mean record in this respect - witness the affair between Daniel Sickles and Queen Isabella II of Spain - but the accomplishments of von Holstein also deserve their due. (You don't suppose it was Mary Lincoln?)

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Several imaginary countries - Graustark, Beaucauillon, Poderkagg, etc. - have made their appearances in the pages of Diplomacy publications. But several nations, which have actually existed, sound just as unlikely. Can any history buff identify, in space and time, the following countries:

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| 1. The Septinsular Republic. | 6. Caffraria. |
| 2. The Kingdom of Arles. | 7. The Far Eastern Republic. |
| 3. The Indian Stream Republic. | 8. The Parthenopean Republic. |
| 4. The Kingdom of Bantam. | 9. The North German Confederation. |
| 5. The Kingdom of Thessalonica. | 10. The Kingdom of Damnonia. |

No prize whatsoever will be awarded for correct answers.

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An eleventh item nearly got added to the above list. A friend once showed me a miscellany of coins, among which I noted one which was dated "1918" and inscribed "Korolestwo Polska", "Kingdom of Poland". Curious as to what a "Kingdom of Poland" in 1918 was, I asked the distinguished Polish political exile, political scientist, and war pimp Mladyslaw Kulski. He explained that, had the Central Powers won World War I, they would have set up Poland as a kingdom under a docile Habsburg prince. The coin was minted in anticipation of this program.

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'Tis said that when Johnson asked Humphrey to run, he said "Yes" - because he doesn't know any other words.

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DO NOT PASS CHICAGO, DO NOT COLLECT 20 DELEGATES

In 1960 Games Research brought out the game Convention, which is now making its third appearance in a presidential election year. Convention is by no means as deep as Diplomacy, and chance plays a rather large factor in it, but it is a thoroughly enjoyable "light" game, and offers many opportunities to play out aggressions against other players.

The game board and style of play are something of a combination of Monopoly and Careers. From Monopoly it takes the perimetric path around the board, the state primaries in which delegates may be won by landing on the appropriate squares, squares which entitle players to draw cards which help or hinder them, a "Jail" (the Credentials Committee) and 20 more delegates to each player as he lands on or passes the starting-place. From Careers it takes interior paths, on which a player throws one die at a move as he attempts to win large state delegations in caucuses.

Convention is a game for 2 to 6 players. They circle the board in search of as many of the 1400 delegates as they can get, beginning with 100 each and trying to get delegates through primaries, caucuses, and landing on spaces entitling them to unpledged delegates. As long as unpledged delegates are available from the "bank", they are picked up when a player lands on a square such as "Your Name Placed in Nomination by Ex-President - Win 50". However, once these are used up, unpledged delegates are taken from other players. In practice, this means that the leading player is hit for contributions on such occasions.

The game includes 26 Progress Report Cards and 28 Strategy Conference Cards, which resemble the "Chance" and "Community Chest" cards of Monopoly. The Progress Reports entitle the player, either instantly or at some later time, to move a stated number of spaces forward. These can be extremely useful when a player is closing in on a squareful of delegates (55 to 100) in one of the caucuses. The Strategy Conference Cards are even more valuable; they enable a player to move to the entry square of a caucus, to call for a ballot, to block someone else's call for a ballot, or to make a desperation play in the "Smoke-Filled Room". Like most of the Progress Reports, they can be played at will.

If a player lands on the starting-place, there is a ballot, and players count up their delegates. The leader, if he has over 300 votes, get 50 votes worth of "Bandwagon Sentiment" from each other player. The player with the fewest votes becomes the "Dark Horse", and may under certain circumstances benefit from a show of Dark Horse Sentiment.

At any time, once he has made one trip around the board, a player may hold a Demonstration. This begins with a declaration of intent, whereupon the player must go through the next three moves without landing on a square that costs him votes or makes him lose a turn. The Progress Report Cards are helpful in getting through a demonstration, but the third turn must be taken with the dice. If a player wins his demonstration, he not only gets 30 votes from each other player, but he can move directly to any square on the outside. For example, the leader would move to the starting place and call for a ballot, while the dark horse would move to a square which benefits him specifically. A player whose demonstration fails loses 20 votes to each other player.

If, after the conclusion of a ballot, one player has an absolute majority of the votes (or 1000 votes in a 2-man game), he wins at once.

The Smoke-Filled Room is a desperation play. On this space, a player stakes everything on the throw of one die. If the bosses disapprove, he is out of the game; if they approve, he wins half the uncommitted votes of each other player.

The game lends itself easily to grudge fights, as players choose from whom they will take the uncommitted delegates which they win. But an opponent should not be goaded too far, or he may enter a caucus whose delegates you have won, re-win them himself, and take them from you.

For those who find Diplomacy taking too much time, Convention is shorter and just as wild, though at the cost of verisimilitude and intrigue. There are no alliances. Proper strategy involves knowing when to call a Demonstration, and how to exploit the winning of one. Proper play of the cards, particularly in the caucuses, is also important. The game costs \$5.00 from Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118, or from the usual board game outlets.

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LONDON (15 October 1902): His Majesty's Government today issued a statement in regard to the London-dated report issued by the Ottoman Government. The statement affirmed the text of the report in most details, but stated that it wished to correct an impression left by the Ottoman release. "Despite His personal desire to the contrary, the King-Emperor Huon, owing to a physical limitation too well-known to discuss here, was unable to assist the Emperoar Honj in disposing of the messenger. His Inferial Majesty accomplished this delightful task unassisted (huzzah!)."

LONDON (27 October 1902): Sir Richard M. Nix-Nix, Baron of Burdue-on-the-Smog and High Constable of the Order of the Warthog, today represented His Imperial and Royal Majesty Huon at the dedication of a new religious edifice in the capital. This is the new Temple to Lurleen the Stand-In. The temple is actually dedicated to the joint usage of several members of the Pantheon of Pollutidar, including Lurleen the Stand-In, Martinluther the Loud, sto-Kley the Nauseous, and Mau the Fat. Oddly enough, it is difficult to tell any of these gods, one from the other. Another enshrined here is a namesake of the King-Emperor Himself, Huon Birch. Above the Temple is inscribed the immortal saying, "Let Freedom of Screech go unto all the world." - Bertrand the Old. Below this is inscribed, "Change is better than Progress." (anon.).

This is
O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

POLLUTIDAR: Emperoar Honj the Horny appointed the Sagoth chieftain M'watan to enforce observance of the new Four Freedoms policy, with particular reference to Freedom of Screech. "The appointment of M'watan to this high office," His Inferial Majesty said, "should end once and for all the claim that apemen are discriminated against in Pollutidar. Humanity is far from being an essential criterion for high office in Pollutidar."

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"Nor will Freedom of Screech be totally without limits. All Pollutidareans will be free to screech for war, or even for intertribal strife within our vast Empire. But we will protect this freedom by making it illegal to identify such screechers. Every screecher in Pollutidar will be assured of absolute anonymity - particularly among those species which are so primitive that they do not yet have individual names."

M'watan indicated full agreement with the Inferial policy in his acceptance speech. "M'watan bundolo!" he shouted, swinging from balcony to balcony of the Inferial Palace. "M'watan gree-ah galul! M'watan gree-ah kree-gor! Uglal! Uglal!"

The Emperoar added that the whole resources of Pollutidar would be behind this policy.

LONDON (30 November 1902): The London Stock Exchange continued to mark the progress of the latest runs on national currencies in the current European gold crisis. Observers note that the Austrian schilling is now even more worthless than the French peerimark, something no observer would have admitted was even possible one year ago. "What," asked Sir Alexander Hamilton, Director of the Exchange, "could possibly be more worthless than peerisitic money (I use the term loosely)?" Well, now we know. The latest quotations:

AUSTRIA: 3569 schillings
ENGLAND: £1-6/-
FRANCE: 1679 peerimarks
GERMANY: 4.1 reichsmarks
ITALY: 124 lire

JAPAN: 13 yen
PODERKAGG: 43 liroubmarks
POLLUTIDAR: 15 skags
RUSSIA: 12 roubles
TURKEY: 50 yeni-lira

U. S. A.: 35 dollars

(The Turkish currency was changed by the new Government on 1 November.)

LONDON, to Pollutidar: Dear Honj: We ask that You note that the word "viands" does not necessarily mean food suitable only for carnivores. It could include vegetable matter where grammivorous creatures were concerned. So much for Your Ganaks. Love, Huey.

BROOKLYN: "L. uiuere has gerundive uiuendus, neu. pl. uiuenda, whence VL vivanda, taken as sing. n.: whence OF-F viande, orig 'food', hence, from 15th century, 'flesh as food'" -- Partridge, Origins: The Encyclopedia of Words, p. 785.

POLLUTIDAR: The Coripi delegate Mut ventured the opinion in the Representative Diet that the inhabitants of England, on the Outer Crust, may be of Coripi descent. "Our people evolved underground," he told the Diet, "and hence have no sense of sight. The inability of the English to distinguish among such vastly different deities as the Xexot gods added to their pantheon suggests that they may also be Coripies."

"Their appetite for human flesh certainly suggests it!" an Amiocapan delegate interrupted. "What happened to my secretary, you pop-eyed lizard?"

Mut replied by ostentatiously picking his teeth, which were promptly knocked out by a Suvian with a club. The session was adjourned sine die, and several delegates were adjourned sine capitis.

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: According to His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, his ranking vassals, and the Representative Diet, all the peoples of Pollutidar are firmly in favor of the war against the noisy nations of the Outer Crust. As the Koarsar admiral Bobo Rygmus says, "We kill each other all the time. Why shouldn't we kill other people as well?"

But, deep within this underground Mahar city, there is a district where pacifists and non-conformists of all Pollutidarean races have congregated to practice various degenerate and un-Pollutidarean habits. This fact was recently revealed by Puul the All-Well One, Amozian delegate to the Representative Diet and Minister of Eternal Insecurity.

Puul claimed, after an investigation in Phutra, that these pacifists have congregated in a region near the Phutran Royal Bakeries, popularly known as the "Yeast Village". There they paint their hides, wear odd costumes, indulge in drugs, and conceal deserters from military service. According to them, the grim militarism of Pollutidar has adverse effects on the soul, and in opposition to this they call themselves "Happies".

According to Puul, the Happies of Yeast Village constitute a major menace to the integrity of the Empire of Pollutidar. "Recently a group of these degenerates burned a priceless old gilak-hide Mahar war flag," he told a meeting of the Representative Diet. "And they also engage in a number of highly immoral practices. For example, our investigating committee found a Sarian cave-girl of a fine old family living in sin with a deserter from the Third Horib Cavalry."

"But that's biologically impossible!" cried Whee-Lan-Diel, a Mahar delegate. Other Mahar delegates claimed that Puul's investigation was motivated by the bad feeling which has always existed between the Mahars of Phutra and the near-by tribes of cave men.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: Emperoar Honj announced new appointments to the Inferial Cabinet, the better to mobilize all the races of Pollutidar behind the war effort against the Outer Crust. The Inferial Cabinet now consists of:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement: Skrtch the Lousy One (Sarian)
- Minister of Plunder: Reyen-Zil (Xexot)
- Minister of Injustice: Jaime-Justino de Gerto (Koarsar)
- Minister of Impropropaganda: Blab the Talkative One (Kalian)
- Minister of the Army: Martin Ett (Mammoth Man)

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rolling over them, occupation by Austria, our own occupation. The Kaiser is a fool to continue.

But then, intelligence reports say he's a prisoner in the palace. His cooperation is too important for the East to let him think for himself.

We may be living in a day when war is the natural state of man. Look out the window - people going about their business as if things were normal. God, for some of them, the young ones, it is normal. The rationing, the draft, the dead. All over the world, people pretend nothing is happening, as Japanese kills Russian in Manchuria, American Marines take another little republic in South America into the Union - I understand Nicaragua surrendered yesterday - and here in Europe we do our best to exterminate each other. Even the Swiss, the Swiss, have a desperate struggle with Austria.

I sometimes wonder if it's all worth it. It is, isn't it?

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Since France has missed a move, the first stand-by is asked to send in "Winter 1903" moves for that country. He is John Koning, Apt. 1, 2008 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201. If France's present player fails to get in a "Winter 1903" removal, Koning's will be used, and he will take over play of France.

Mike Childers has moved; his new address appears on p. 8. Press releases for 1968G begin on p. 10.

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"Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 JUNE 1968.

Since the present player for Germany has missed the last move, the first stand-by, Hal Naus, is asked to send in "Spring 1904" moves for Germany. These will be accepted if Chalker misses the moves for that season, and Naus will take over play. His address appears on p. 6.

PARIS: All Frenchmen were united in the hope that all non-Europeans would be driven from the continent.

SEVASTOPOL: Please note that the capital of the Russian People's Republic is at Sevastopol, not at Moscow.

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Minister of the Navy: Nein, King of Anoroc (Mezop)
 Minister of the Air Farce: Upp-Wie-Goh (Mahar)
 Minister of Reptilian Affairs: sSs-SSsss (Horib)
 Minister of Religious Affairs: Ter-Na (Jukan)
 Minister of Mines: Gurb (Coripi)
 Minister of Agriculture: Ho-ho-hum (Hooja Islander)
 Minister of the Inferior: Lo-Rench, Go-sha of Peeri-Peeri (Xexot)
 Minister of Slave Labor: La-Shon-Bak (Mahar)
 Minister for Freedom of Screech: M'watan (Sagoth)
 Minister for Freedom of Revulsion: Naus the Nauseated One (Thurian)
 Minister for Freedom from Change: Nix the Noxious One (Suvian)
 Minister for Freedom from Peace: Lbj the Sanguinary One (Phelian)
 Minister without Portfolio: Griff the Disappearing One (Amiocapan)
 Minister without Pants: Lobug (Sagoth)

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LIII

"This is it, Burner!" Secret Agent O-O-Hate said as they watched the foul-smelling truck pull up beside the cellar door of the White House. O-O-Hate, dauntless fighter for the American Way of War, and his teen-age assistant Burner were there, disguised as beagles, to find out what sinister influence had been sapping the President's Will to Kill and hampering the war effort in Vietnam.

"Holy melanin, O-O-Hate!" Burner cried. "Look! The driver is a nigra!"

"You're right, Burner!" O-O-Hate replied. "This may be part of some Black Power plot!"

The truck door opened, and out stepped a heavily bearded black man wearing a striped Ghanaian shirt, an embroidered Muslim cap, and black pants that flapped around his ankles. He opened the cellar door, which stood beneath the tailgate of his truck.

"See that get-up?" O-O-Hate whispered. "He must be some kind of arrogant, militant, black nationalist fanatic."

The Negro peered down into the cellar, and shouted, "Massa President, boss, suh! De next truckload am heah! Whut does yo'-all want Ah should do wif it, massa President, cap'n, suh!"

"Jes' unload it into the cellar, Rastus, yo' black rascal," came a voice from the cellar.

The Negro set a chute against the truck tailgate, and carefully positioned it through the cellar door. "Git ready, massa President, boss!" he shouted. "Heah dey come!"

((What is the mysterious black power fanatic going to dump into the White House basement? Find out in the next adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hate in GRAUSTARK #161.))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOILLON - XXVI

The period from 1871 to 1914 is generally recognized as the golden age of the Grand Duchy of Beaucouillon. During these years Europe was generally peaceful and prosperous, and the nobility and big businessmen expended their surplus wealth in gracious and riotous living. It was also the age of playboys and gilded mistresses - Skittles Walters, Cora Pearl, Rigolle Boche and their kind. The tale is still told in Beaucouillon of the four-day poker game in which Diamond Jim Brady won Lillian Langtry from the Prince of Wales.

This Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, spent many happy hours over the gaming tables of Beaucouillon, and in other diversions available in the Grand Duchy. It is estimated that, over a period of 43 years, he lost a net total of 1,880,000 ducats.

(The Beaucouillon ducat, first minted during the reign of Gualtier I in 1189, remains the most stable coinage in the world. It is now valued at \$10.66, or 1 red chip.)

The inherited wealth of the nobility and landed gentry was challenged during those decades by the emerging class of big capitalists, some of whom could buy and sell the nobles who sneered at them as parvenus. To accommodate these good customers, the Grand Duke Cosimo XII introduced the practice of selling titles of nobility. The most notorious such sale was to the Italian spaghetti magnate Umbriago Toscanelli, who was snubbed at the roulette table by Count Schoszkly. The next day, at a cost of three million ducats, the Italian was the Duke of Toscanelli, and had the pleasure of taking precedence of Schoszkly at the Maison de tous Nations.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The failure of Lawrence Peery to submit the usual bundle of press releases for 1968G has thrown the pagination of this issue of GRAUSTARK into confusion. For this reason, GRAUSTARK #160 does not contain pages numbered "12" and "13". Page 14 is printed on the back of p. 11.

Your Gamesmaster had originally planned to fill up the extra pages with a report on GRAUSTARK games completed over the last several months. But time presses, and this issue is already 2 days overdue. The schedule of regular Saturday publication will be resumed on 8 June.

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"Mata Hari" as a name for a beautiful woman spy is back in the news again. (See this column in GRAUSTARKS #155 and #156.) This time the term is used by Paul Scott, a New York Daily Column writer who discovers an average of two Sinister International Conspiracies per week. In his column of 15 May 1968 he discusses "New Hanoi-Style Mata Haris" - some of them soldiers in uniform, and others "attractive women to lure American soldiers into deadly traps". According to Scott, more than 2 million Vietnamese women are under arms or involved in civil defense programs - a far cry from the conventional image of a "Mata Hari".

The film Casino Royale, allegedly made from the James Bond novel of the same name, also plays fast and loose with the historical facts about Mata Hari. In this film, Bond is called back from retirement, and encounters, among other beautiful young women, his daughter by a tragic love affair with the late Mata Hari. Actually, any daughter born to Mata Hari would have had to be over 50 years old at the time the film was made.

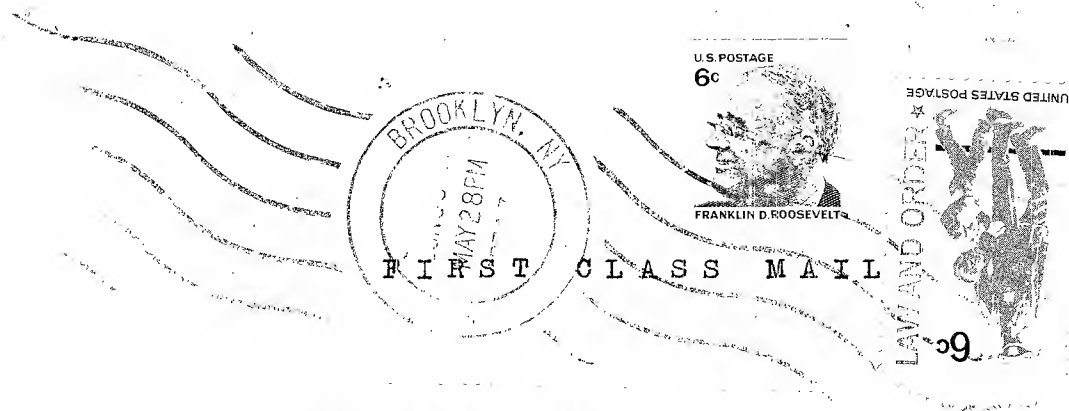
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I suppose some GRAUSTARK readers are curious about recent events at Brooklyn College, where your Gamesmaster infests the physics department when he is not determining whether Austria-Hungary has succeeded in blocking Italy out of Trieste. The situation, stripped of rhetoric about "academic standards" and "intimidation", is, that one side wants to admit more Negroes to Brooklyn College and the other does not. The arguments on both sides are exactly similar, except for accent, from those which attended the integration of southern universities 5 or 10 years ago.

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